

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-10 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A protective [Protective] headgear [(30)] equipped with an [electro-acoustic] electroacoustic communication device [(1)] comprising an acoustic pick-up [a sensor (2) such as a microphone,] and a speaker [receiver (3) arranged] in a case, further comprising:

5 [(4), while] connection means [(5, 53) are provided destined for attaching] to attach said case [(4)] to said headgear [(30)], [characterized in that] the connection means [(5, 53) constitute, additionally,] including a removable  
10 connection between the case of the communication device and the headgear.

2. (Amended) The protective [Protective] headgear [(30)] equipped with an [electro-acoustic] electroacoustic type communication device according to claim 1 [(1) characterized in that] wherein the case [(4) comprises]  
5 further includes:

an extension [(5) forming] that defines a connection tab which is engaged in a lateral guide [(53)] of complementary shape [of] in said protective headgear [(30)].

3. (Amended) The protective [Protective] headgear [(30)] equipped with an [electro-acoustic] electroacoustic type communication device [(1)] according to claim 2, [characterized in that it includes] further including:

5 an external principal shell [(31)] comprising two lateral wall portions [(37)] corresponding to zones occupied by [the] ears of a [the] user.

4. (Amended) The protective [Protective] headgear [(30)] equipped with an [electro-acoustic] electroacoustic type communication device [(1)] according to claim 3, [characterized in that] wherein the case [(4)] is disposed

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5 [arranged] on the inside of said headgear [(30)] in one of the zones occupied by the ear of the user.

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5. (Amended) The protective [Protective] headgear [(30)] equipped with an [electro-acoustic] electroacoustic type communication device [(1)] according to claim 2, [characterized in that] wherein the lateral guide [(53)] is integral with a support piece [(48)] attached to the [principal] external shell [(31)] of said headgear [(30)].

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5 6. (Amended) The protective [Protective] headgear [(30)] equipped with an [electro-acoustic] electroacoustic type communication device [(1)] according to claim 5, [characterized in that] wherein the headgear [is of the type comprising] includes:

a deformable lining [(41)] comprising a headband [(46)], retaining a deformable partition [or similar (47)], said headband [(46)] being fixed to the headgear by [at least one] the lateral guide [(53)] holding] which holds the communication device.

7. (Amended) The protective [Protective] headgear [(30)] equipped with an [electro-acoustic] electroacoustic type communication device [(1)] according to [any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the 5 [communication] case [(4)] is [arranged] located [on the] inside of the headgear.

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5 8. (Amended) The protective [Protective] headgear [(30)] equipped with an [electro-acoustic] electroacoustic type communication device [(1)] according to [any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the 5 case comprises:

a connection cable [(8)] retained at the headgear in its center portion by an attachment device [(15) destined to come into contact] which is configured to interconnection with [the] an attachment means [(450)] of [the] a chin-strap [(45)].

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9. (Amended) The protective [Protective] headgear [(30)] equipped with an [electro-acoustic] electroacoustic type communication device [(1)] according to [any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the case [(16)] comprises:

two slots [(19, 20)], a first cylindrical slot [(19) destined to receive] for receiving the acoustic pick-up [microphone sensor (2)] and a second cylindrical slot [(20)], of smaller diameter, [destined to accept] for receiving the speaker [receiver (3)].

8 10. (Amended) The protective [Protective] headgear [(30)] equipped with an [electro-acoustic] electroacoustic type communication device [(1)] according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the acoustic pick-up [(1)] [microphone sensor (2)] is [arranged] located above the speaker [receiver (3)].

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Please add new claims 11-12 as follows:

11. A protective headgear comprising:  
a shell having an interior and an exterior;  
a deformable structure mounted to the shell interior  
for supporting the shell on a user's head, the deformable  
5 structure and the shell defining ear receiving areas;  
at least one tab receiving guide mounted to the  
shell adjacent one of the ear receiving areas;  
a case having a tab which is selectively engagable  
with the guide for removably mounting the case to the shell  
10 adjacent the ear receiving areas;  
a microphone/speaker assembly mounted in the case;  
an RF transmitter/receiver assembly electrically  
connected with the microphone/speaker assembly.

10 12. The protective headgear according to claim 11  
further including:

a chin strap connected with the shell;  
an electrical cable connected between the  
5 transmitter/receiver assembly and microphone/speaker assembly;  
a cable guide which is (i) releasably interconnected  
to an intermediate portion of the electrical cable and  
(ii) releasably attached to the chin strap.

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